

**Island County Board of Health  
Regular Meeting - Monday, November 19, 2012  
Minutes**

**DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR TODAY'S MEETING, MINUTES ARE IN HARD COPY FORMAT ONLY. THERE IS NO AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING.**

**Members Present:** Commissioners Helen Price Johnson and Kelly Emerson; Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner; Scott Dudley, Mayor of Oak Harbor; and, Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Angie Homola and Captain Edward Simmer, MC, USN, Ex-Officio Member.

**Call to Order:** Chair Angie Homola was unable to attend today's meeting and asked Commissioner Price Johnson to sit as Acting Chair in her absence. Acting Chair Helen Price Johnson called this Regular Meeting of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:15 p.m.

**Additions or Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Acting Chair called for the approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2012 Regular Meeting. Mayor Scott Dudley moved for approval of the minutes as presented. Member Anne Tarrant seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**Public Input or Comments:** The Chair invited members of the public who wished to provide input or make comments to indicate their wish to do so. Ms. Rosemary Wehrman, 5115-33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. West, Everett, Washington asked to address the Board. Ms. Wehrman distributed a letter addressed to the Board of Health expressing her position that Mr. Doug Saars was remiss in not upgrading the Skylark water system which she feels will impact the salability her property at 1415 Fossil Lane.

Ms. Wehrman posed 4 questions in her letter:

- "1) Why did Mr. Saars receive a permit based on a promise and not on the work having been done?
- 2) Why hasn't the county pressured him to do the work that he promised?
- 3) What are they going to do about it?
- 4) If multiple property owners are financially impacted by the county's action, how will the county respond to legal challenges from the owners [?]"

Ms. Wehrman asked for a "reply formally in writing". The Acting Chair gave the letter to Keith Higman, Health Services Director, and asked that he respond as requested to Ms. Wehrman's questions.

**Contracts:** Keith Higman presented contracts to the Board for their consideration.

1. IC Sheriff's Office – 2013 Jail Nursing Services  
Contract No. HD-25-12  
Contract Amount:       \$     55,000
2. IC Juvenile Court Services – 2013 Juvenile Detention Nursing Services  
Contract No. HD-26-12  
Contract Amount:       \$     22,000 (Not to exceed)
3. Department of Health – 2012-2014 Consolidated Contract  
Contract No. C16886, Amendment No. 5  
Contract Amount:       \$    936,168  
Amendment Amount:    \$       7,951

Commissioner Emerson moved that the group of contracts be approved as presented. Mayor Dudley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Legislative Updates:** Keith Higman said that he will be prepared to apprise the Board with legislative updates when the state legislature reconvenes. He suggested that the Board Members advise him of their legislative priorities to watch in 2013. Commissioner Price Johnson commented that state legislators needed to learn about local health jurisdictions and how their mandates affect Island County. She suggested an 'Island County 101' for Island County regional representatives/legislators. Keith reminded the Board that the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) has historically hosted a legislative forum such as was being discussed. Commissioner Price Johnson went on to say that she had recently attended the Washington Association of Counties (WSAC) meeting and had lobbied for financing programs that promoted resiliency.

Member Anne Tarrant agreed with the concept of holding a legislative forum, particularly for new legislators, and asked if CHAB had done that before? David Macys, Oak Harbor resident and CHAB liaison, commented that the CHAB has invited state and national legislators to attend a briefing in past year's in December to hear what their local constituents see as priorities. He said that the CHAB would be happy to host such an event in the future. Mayor Dudley asked if the Board can expect a 2013 legislative issue update and Keith Higman replied that he would be updating the Board at a future meeting. Member Anne Tarrant noted that December was a difficult month for conducting business and suggested the Board work together on a White Paper at a future meeting. Keith Higman agreed that the December Board of Health meeting will be an shortened business meeting. He suggested that the Board consider a joint Board of Health/CHAB meeting to look at these issues. Staff will look into meeting date options.

Commissioner Price Johnson noted that there are predictions of a shortage of home healthcare workers due to the new legislation requiring extended training for licensure.

**Health Department Report:** Keith Higman told the Board that the State Board of Health has issued the 2012 Health Report and that he had distributed the link to that report to Board members by email. He went on to tell the Board that the Surgeon General's recent report describes tobacco use at "epidemic" levels for youth ages 12 through 17 and young adults ages 18 through 25. Keith advised that state monitoring of tobacco sales to youth shows that Island County retail sales were much higher in compliance than the state numbers.

**Board Comments/Announcements:** There were no additional announcements.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business before the Board, Acting Chair Price Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be as a Regular Session held on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roger S. Case, MD  
Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2012  
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Angie Homola, Board Chair